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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the section entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" beginning at page 2, line 4, up to but not including the section entitled "Field of Invention" with the following":

--This application is a continuation of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/864,423 filed May 28, 1997, which issued on November 6, 2001 as U.S. Patent No. 6,311,819, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing", which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

This application is a continuation-in-part and further claims the benefit of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/126,580, filed July 30, 1998 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents", which claims the benefit of U.S. Application Serial